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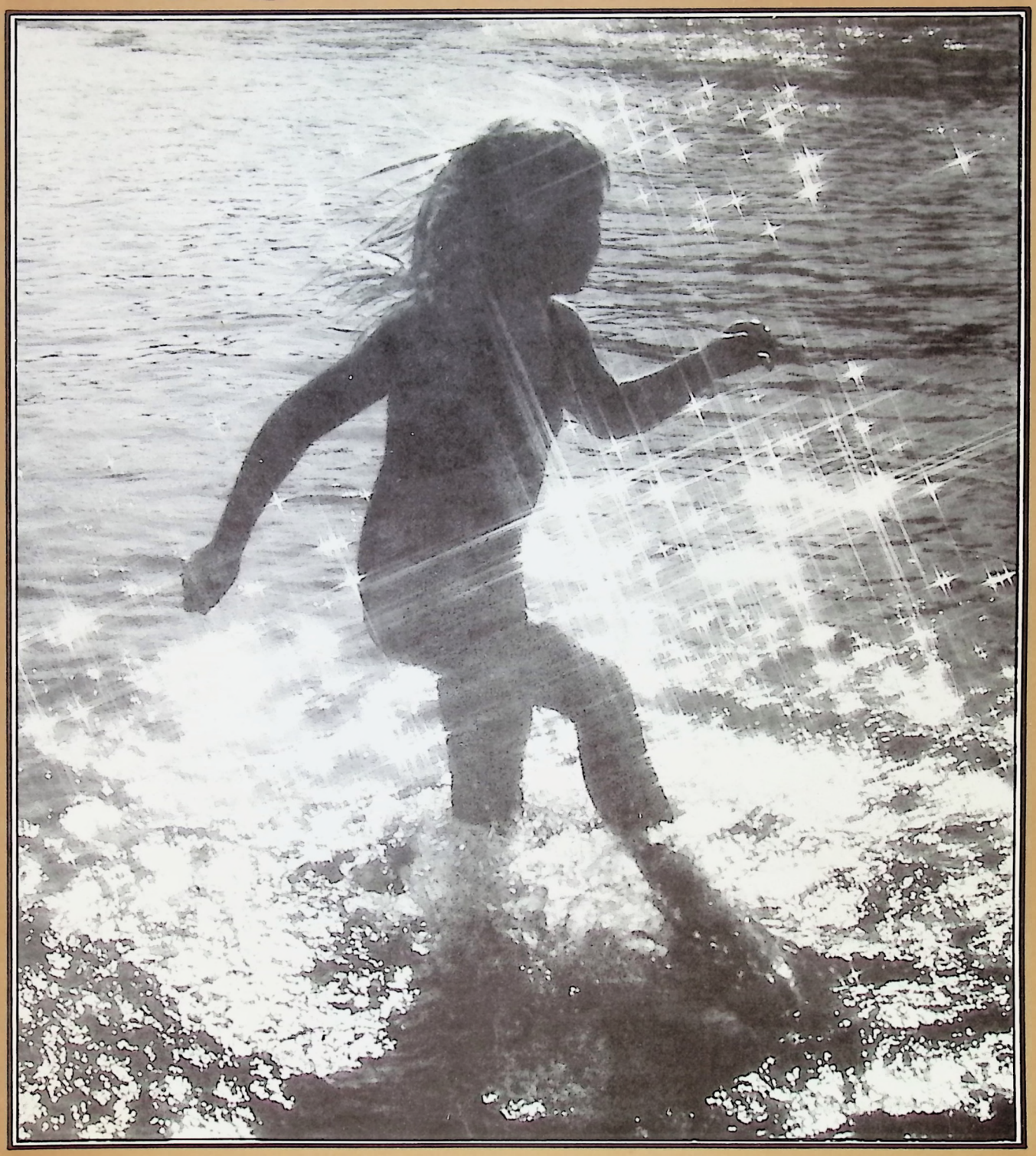

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

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8 p.m.	**JUNIOR ACHIEVER AWARDS PRESENTATION** — Upper Rogue Community Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

7 a.m.-11 a.m.	**GRANGE BREAKFAST** — Shady Cove Hall, Chaparral Lane
7 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	**PARADE REGISTRATION** — V.F.W. Hall
7:45-8:45 a.m.	**PARADE JUDGING**
8 a.m.	**HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**
9 a.m. SHARP	**PARADE STARTS** — Parade route is north on Hwy. 62 from Alder to Cleveland street
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	**ARTS & CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW** — Shady Cove School multipurpose room
10 a.m.	**BOOTHS OPEN**
10 a.m.-12 a.m.	**TIMBER CARNIVAL REGISTRATION**
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	**BINGO**
11 a.m.	**PARADE AWARDS** — Outdoor stage area
11 a.m.-?	**SPAGHETTI FEED** — St. Martin's basement annex, Cleveland Street
11 a.m.-2 p.m.	**CHILDREN'S GAMES**
12 Noon	**TIMBER CARNIVAL STARTS**
12 Noon continuous	**ENTERTAINMENT:** Live on outdoor stage, continuing thru afternoon
6 p.m.	**TIMBER CARNIVAL AWARDS** — Timber Carnival stage
8 p.m.-Midnight	**DANCE** — Outdoor stage area

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

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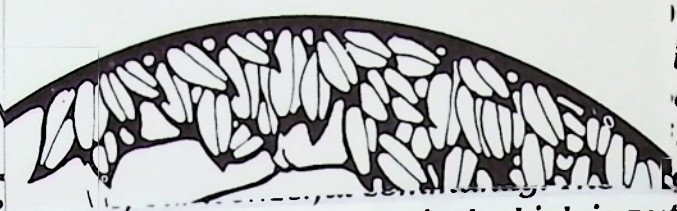

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Through the tireless efforts of its members the Upper Rogue Festival, the Junior Achiever Contest and this magazine are made possible. The purchase of this publication, the entrance fee at the Timber Carnival, and your patronage of Festival concessions help raise funds that the Association returns to the youth and other worthy causes in our area.

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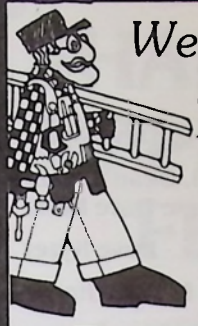

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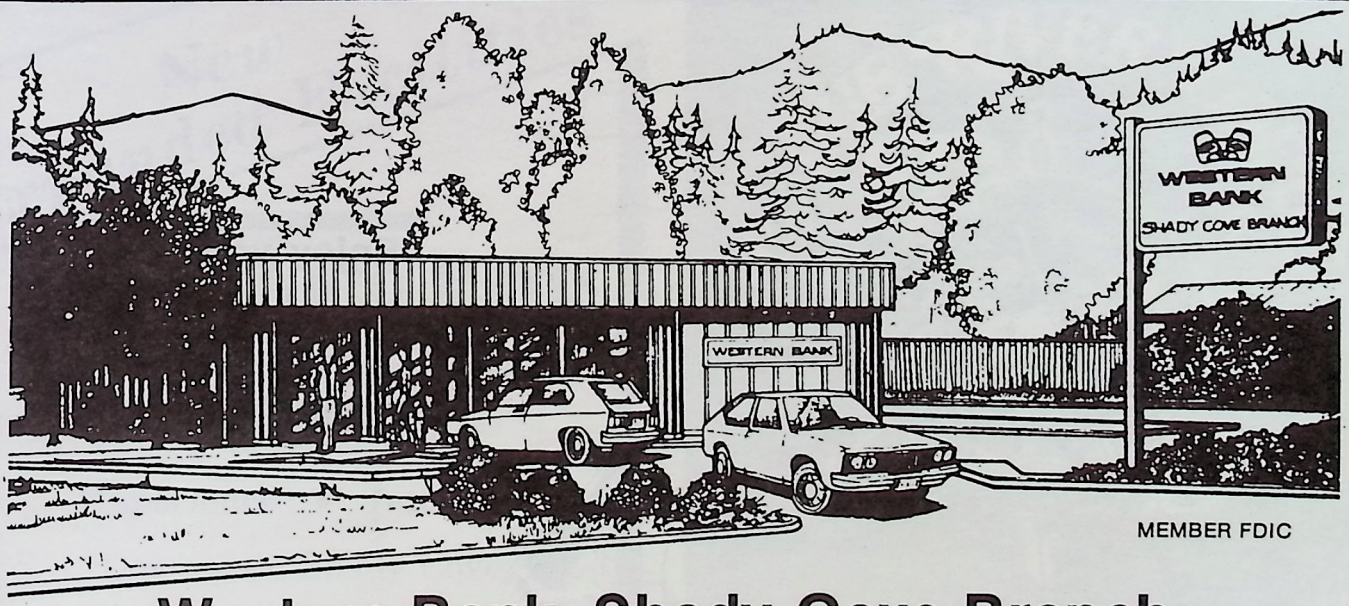

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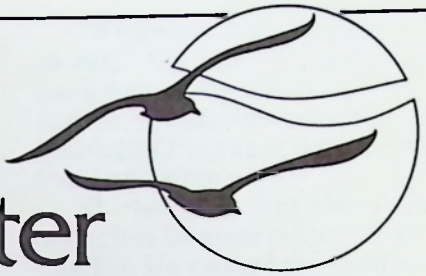

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1984 Grand Marshal: Ed Brown

by Carole Littlefield

When asked what he thought about being chosen as this year's Upper Rogue Festival Grand Marshal, Ed Brown thought a minute and said, "I was really kind of surprised. I thought they only picked old people for that honor." Then he chuckled.

Ed was born in 1914 in Buffalo, New York. He got his first job in 1930 working in a bank for $30 a month. He was there until, as he put it, "Roosevelt closed the bank down. I've never liked Roosevelt since," he confided.

Ed's first car was a Model T Ford and it cost him $15. His Mother and friends did not trust him on the road, so they insisted that he learn to drive it in the back field. Everything was going along pretty well until he headed for a small door in the barn, but he forget how to stop the car. His aim was good though, he hit the door making it somewhat larger.

The World's Fair was held in New York City in 1939 and Ed decided that he should drive his Model T down to check out the sights. He had a slight problem because he had no spare tire. He went around the corner from his home and purchased one for 25¢. On the way from Buffalo to New York City he had a flat so the spare tire came in handy. He made the rest of the trip on his two-bit tire. While at the World's Fair he saw television for the first time. It was being broadcast from one room to the next. "Kids today would probably laugh, but that was a big deal back then," Ed said.

Even though his driving career got off to a pretty bumpy start, Ed did improve his skills and became a professional driver for Greyhound Bus Lines. It was while he was driving for Greyhound that he met Shirley. They were married in 1946 in Ohio where they lived for the next two years. While they were there a baby girl, Sherry, was born to them.

During World War II, Ed's brother had been stationed at Camp White. Ed and Shirley heard so much about Oregon from him that they decided to see it for themselves. They moved to Medford in 1948 and eventually settled in Shady Cove in 1951. Ed said that he drove every kind of truck that had more than 4 wheels including logging, lumber, and produce trucks, to make a

living. Later he put in many years in the plywood industry with Carolina Pacific before retiring.

Meanwhile Sherry grew up and graduated from Eagle Point High School. She is now happily married to Robert Hubbard and they have three sons.

The Browns became very actively involved in the community. Ed has been a member of the Shady Cove-Trail Lions Club for 18 years. He is past president of the club and has served as secretary for 14 years and will be serving in that capacity again this coming year. In 1970 he was District Governor of Southern Oregon for Lions, and in 1974 was Chairman of the Council of Governors for the State of Oregon. Ed was Booth Chairman for the first Upper Rogue Festival and he was General Chairman of the second festival. He is presently Vice President of Rogue Wonderland Association and has been very involved in the Upper Rogue Community Center since it was in the planning stages, serving as Chairman of the Board for a while. He was also on the Advisory Board for the Medical Center, and is on the board of the Southern Oregon Lion's Hearing and Blind Center.

When the Browns first came to Shady Cove, they recall that there were only two families who attended regular services of the Episcopal Church — theirs and one more. At that time church services were held in the Shady Cove School. Ed drew the preliminary design for St. Martins Episcopal Church. A professional architect was consulted for the final plan. He stayed pretty much with Ed's original design except for the steeple. Ed was on the original board for St. Martins and served as Senior Warden. He has also been a Lay Reader and he and Shirley helped organize the Youth Choir. Ed was Youth Choir Master for a while.

Ed says that he really doesn't have any hobbies. "The fish and deer are perfectly safe when I'm around," he mused. "And we're sure not farmers." Shirley related how they tried raising some squash once. She said that just before the squash were ready to eat, some porcupines moved in and all they left were a few piles of seeds.

"We grow a few roses for the deer to eat," Ed said. "In fact the deer have eaten everything on the place except the green shutters on the house and I'm expecting them to get those any time now."

Shirley says that she is not old enough to be married to "an old goat like Ed. He robbed the cradle when he got me," she said. "I'm not old enough to remember Model T Fords."

"I may have robbed the cradle," Ed replied, "but you were kicking out the slats in that cradle to get to me."

"Well I've led a wide and varied life — enjoyed myself all the way through, even the getting married," Ed reminisced. "We outlasted the expiration date. You see, they only gave us two years for it to last when we got married."

By the end of the interview, it became apparent that Ed Brown really does have a hobby — a very worthwhile hobby — and that is COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. Congratulations, Ed, on being this year's Grand Marshal, even if you aren't really old enough! Keep up the good work!

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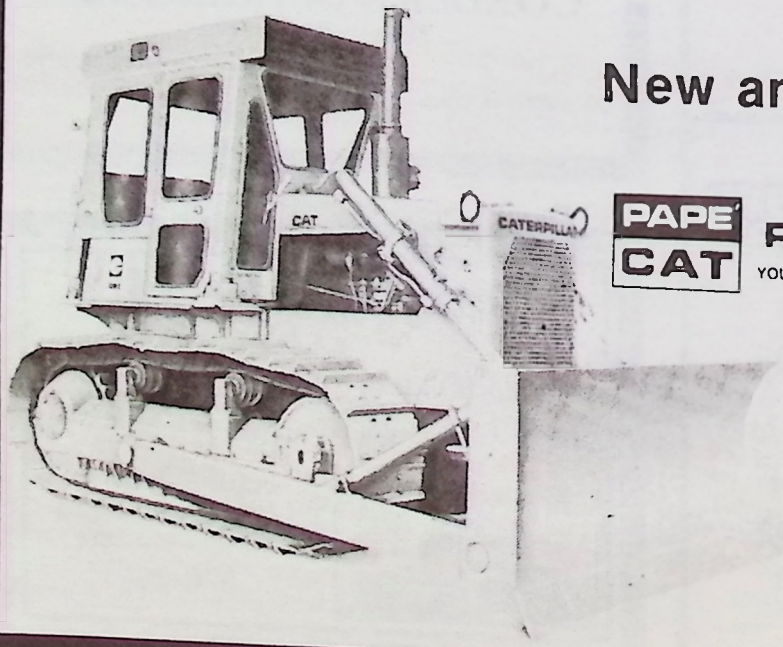

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FLOOD!

by Carl Darnell

The cry was heard throughout the Upper Rogue in December of 1964. The expectations of Christmas vanished during the worst flooding on record on the Rogue River. When the waters had receded again, Shady Cove found itself cut off from the rest of the Rogue Valley. The bridges at Laurelhurst, McLeod, Shady Cove, Dodge Road and Touvelle were gone or damaged beyond use. Countless homes were swept away by the raging river, leaving many families homeless for the winter. Miraculously, there were no deaths locally, due largely to a herculean effort of residents who joined together to move their neighbors to safety.

At the height of the flood, the water in front of Roguedale Market (now Rich's Pharmacy in Shady Cove) was three feet deep. Within a few days of the flooding, a ferry was set up by the Army Corps of Engineers. Eventually a temporary bridge was constructed and life in the Upper Rogue began to return to normal.

On this 20th anniversary of the 1964 flood, Rogue Wonderland Association salutes the residents that braved those hard times, and in the process added a chapter to the rich history of the Rogue Valley. With the completion of Lost Creek Dam and the construction of Elk Creek Dam just getting under way, we trust that the flood of 1964 will always be just a memory.

These photos of Shady Cove during the 1964 flood were provided by Bill & Carole Littlefield.

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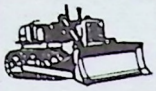

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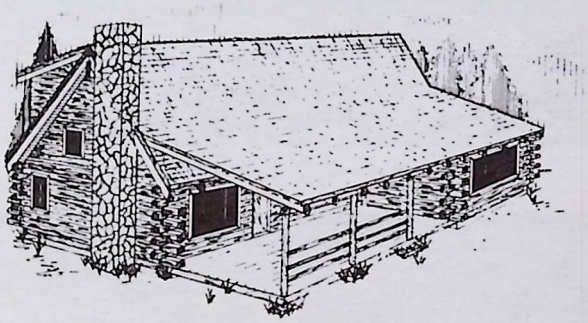

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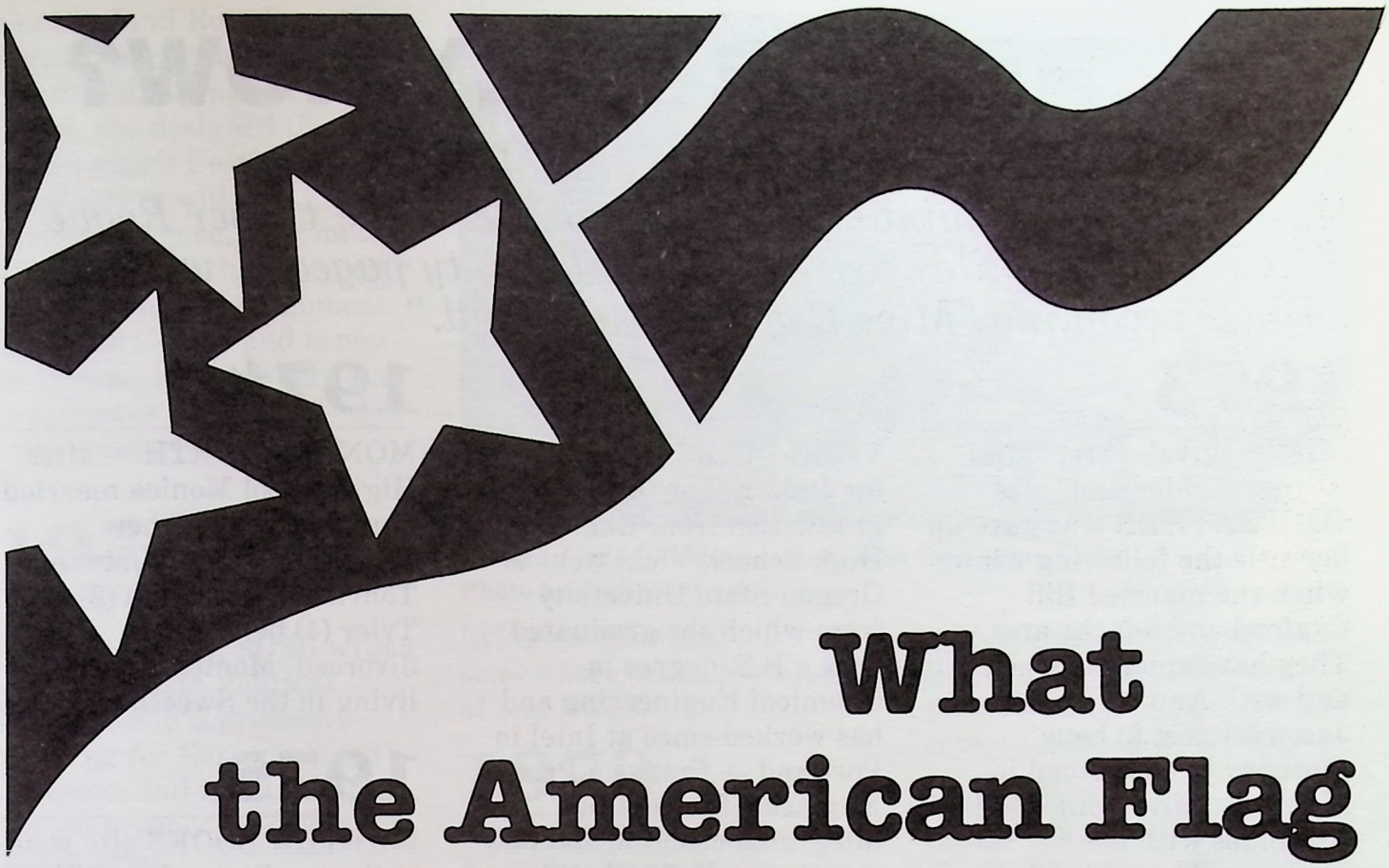

What the American Flag means to me

"The colors of the flag are colors of braveness, beauty and love." "The red reminds me of all the people who shed their blood for our country, the white says we are clean and neat, and the blue says we are bold." "The red means war, the white means peace."

These are exerpts from the 8th grade class of the Shady Cove School on the essay topic What the American Flag Means to Me, as expressed by Candy Lipscomb, Angelina Paez, and Wyatt Myers, respectively.

The 8th grade students are competing for cash prizes of $15, $10 and $5 in a contest sponsored by the Rogue Wonderland Association as part of the Upper Rogue Festival activities. The award will be presented after the Kickoff Dinner on August 10 during the Junior Achiever program at the Upper Rogue Community Center.

"The American flag is my symbol as a citizen of the United States and I will guard it over my life," writes Jason Evans, and as a symbol it conveys many meanings to the students. Our flag . . .

". . . means peace for all nations around the world."

— Richard Peterson

". . . means to work very hard for your country."

— Jerry Beams

". . . means freedom for all."

— Heidi Tauriainen

". . . means that I am not anything but American."

— Stephanie Short

To William Keeling, it says, "We are American citizens and don't take any guff from any nation. We are free and independent. We depend on no one but ourselves."

Embodying the historical attitude of readiness with reluctance is Laynae Cunningham's statement, "I would be proud to fight for my country if I have to. I wish that nobody would have to fight."

Ralph Sartain felt his assessment that "here in America you have a choice, you have a say-so of what goes on around you, and you can buy what you want" needed qualifying so he added "as long as you are of age."

In a current note, Candy Lipscomb writes, "In the Olympics, it makes me feel good to see our flag up high in the hands of the winners."

The flag also "tells how many states there are," explains Cory Fleetwood. The stars make Reyko Woolsey think "that there used to be only a few, not too long ago, and now there are 50." "The flag represents a strong nation united until the end," writes Tom Combs as he emphasizes the unity of the individual stars.

Sonjia Willis sums up for us the attitude reflected in all the essays when she proclaims, "The American flag just all around means I'm free!"

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Update on past Junior Achievers and Miss Rogue Wonderlands. Originally, the youth aspect of the Upper Rogue Festival was similar to a traditional beauty pageant, with the winner becoming "Miss Rogue Wonderland."

1973

First Festival, First "Miss Rogue Wonderland" was JUDI SATHER who gave up her title the following winter when she married Bill Cayford and left the area. They have since returned and with Andrea (7) and Jason (almost 6) hope someday to homestead in Montana. Meanwhile, Judi continues with her photography and has become very proficient in Scrimshaw.

VICKI PIERCE took over for Judi. Following graduation from Eagle Point High School, Vicki went to Oregon State University from which she graduated with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering and has worked since at Intel in Portland — first as a Process Engineer (fabricating integrated circuits) and now as a Customer Marketing Engineer (liason with the computer companies).

1974

MONICA WORTH — after High School Monica married Cordie Johnson. They produced Connie (7), twins Tonya and Jeremiah (5) and Tyler (4) before they divorced. Monica is now living in the Sweethome area.

1975

MARTHA BOOKS also went to Oregon State after EPHS. While there she was active in Ag Dept. clubs and rode in

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the Portland Rose Parade as a member of the OSU Drill Team. Still using her talent in art, she designed the cover of last year's Festival book. Graduating with a B.S. in Animal Science, Martha was the first girl to be accepted for the Cenex Management Training Course and is now in Weiser, Idaho, where she is manager of the Consumers' Co-op Farm Store.

1976

CHERYL WILSON graduated from SOSC with a B.A. degree in Political Science. She is presently working for Cascade Wood Products and is planning to return to school and obtain a law degree.

1977

DEBBIE KILROY graduated from SOSC with two Business degrees (after switching from Education and a teaching goal). She married Tom Steinkamp (an engineering graduate of OSU). They are expecting their first baby in October and will be moving to the Sacramento area.

(At this point, the contest changed its emphasis to achievement, and opened the way for boys to be numbered among the entrants.)

1978

TRULA REEVES was the first "Junior Achiever". After EPHS, she attended the University of Oregon for a year. She is now married to Jim McGruder and they are living on their boat somewhere around or south of San Diego.

Future Junior Achievers cool off in the Rogue River. Photo by Judi Cayford

1979

GWEN TUMY graduated from WOSC (at Monmouth) this June with a B.S. in Special Education. She is married to Alan Hayler who is a premed student at WOSC. Trisha Jean was born last March. At the present time, both Gwen and Alan are working with the mentally retarded at Cedarwood in Monmouth.

1980

VIC LILYA went to Alaska after EPHS. After his return he worked for Valley Chevrolet before becoming a body man at Skinner-Buick. Vic and his wife, Jodie, are living in Shady Cove with five-month old son, Chris.

1981

REBECCA SWEEM is a sophomore math major at OSU. She also is the recent bride of Scott Gratsinger who is a senior in Computor Science at OSU. They are participating in the summer computor camp at EPHS.

1982

JASON JANTZER has completed two terms at Rogue Community College and expects to return there or go to OIT in Klamath Falls this fall to continue his mechanics courses. This summer he is working in Dean Wilson's shop. In his "spare time", Jason is active in the Trail Christian Fellowship, floating the river, participating in fun runs or biking.

1983

RANDY LITTLEFIELD will be a senior at EPHS this year and hasn't decided whether to follow graduation with college or take his band on the road. Meanwhile it's "more of the same" with his increasingly successful fund raising concerts for Spinal Bifida, etc. He also gives banjo lessons.

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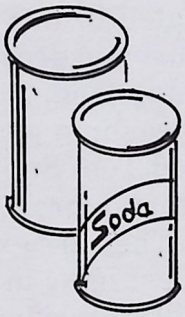

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This history was related by the late Lillian Weiss. It is to her memory we dedicate this bit of history.

In 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Weiss and seven-year-old Murray arrived in their Studebaker touring sedan with isinglass curtains to spend their vacation in Oregon.

They stopped five miles northwest of Trail on the Crater Lake Highway at an auto park operated by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Casey located on the banks of the Rogue River. There were several one-room cabins, a restaurant, and a good place for Johnny and Murray to fish. A long plank anchored to the shore and stretching over the river formed a pier.

In the restaurant, wife Ethel and daughter Babe kept busy serving fried chicken, hot biscuits and jelly, and freshly-baked pies.

One form of entertainment was watching the antics of a bear named Jerry who was chained to a large tree in front of the park. Tourists enjoyed buying chocolate pop for the bear and watching him drink from the bottle.

Mr. Casey originally came from Lovelock, Nevada. Hoping someday to own the land, he built a store, residence, auto park and recreational area on this desirable property. Subsequently, the government, having no sympathy for "squatters", turned the area into a public park. Mr. Casey was designated as caretaker. Several of the original cabins were used for storage sheds during the early years of the park. The state named the area "Casey Park" in his honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Weiss eventually bought property next to Casey's Park from Spratt Wells (Ann Briggs' father). After the auto park was no longer available, the Weiss family continued to return each summer to a motel above the old McCleod Bridge. Over the ensuing 30 years this motel was known as Tates', Neil's Resort, and Easten's.

From 1960 to 1980, the family stayed at Obstinate J Ranch. During this time, "Grandma Lillian" took her grandchildren Robert and Nancy to lunch every day to Cottage Kitchen and a visit with Mrs. Kelsey and Miss Goss. In 1980, her son Murray and wife Twyla built a home on Rogue River Drive where Lillian Weiss enjoyed her summer visits until her death in 1983.

"Tourists enjoyed buying chocolate for the bear and watching him drink from the bottle."

– Researched by Harriet Hudspeth. Facts supplied by Dr. and Mrs. Murray Weiss and Robert Weiss

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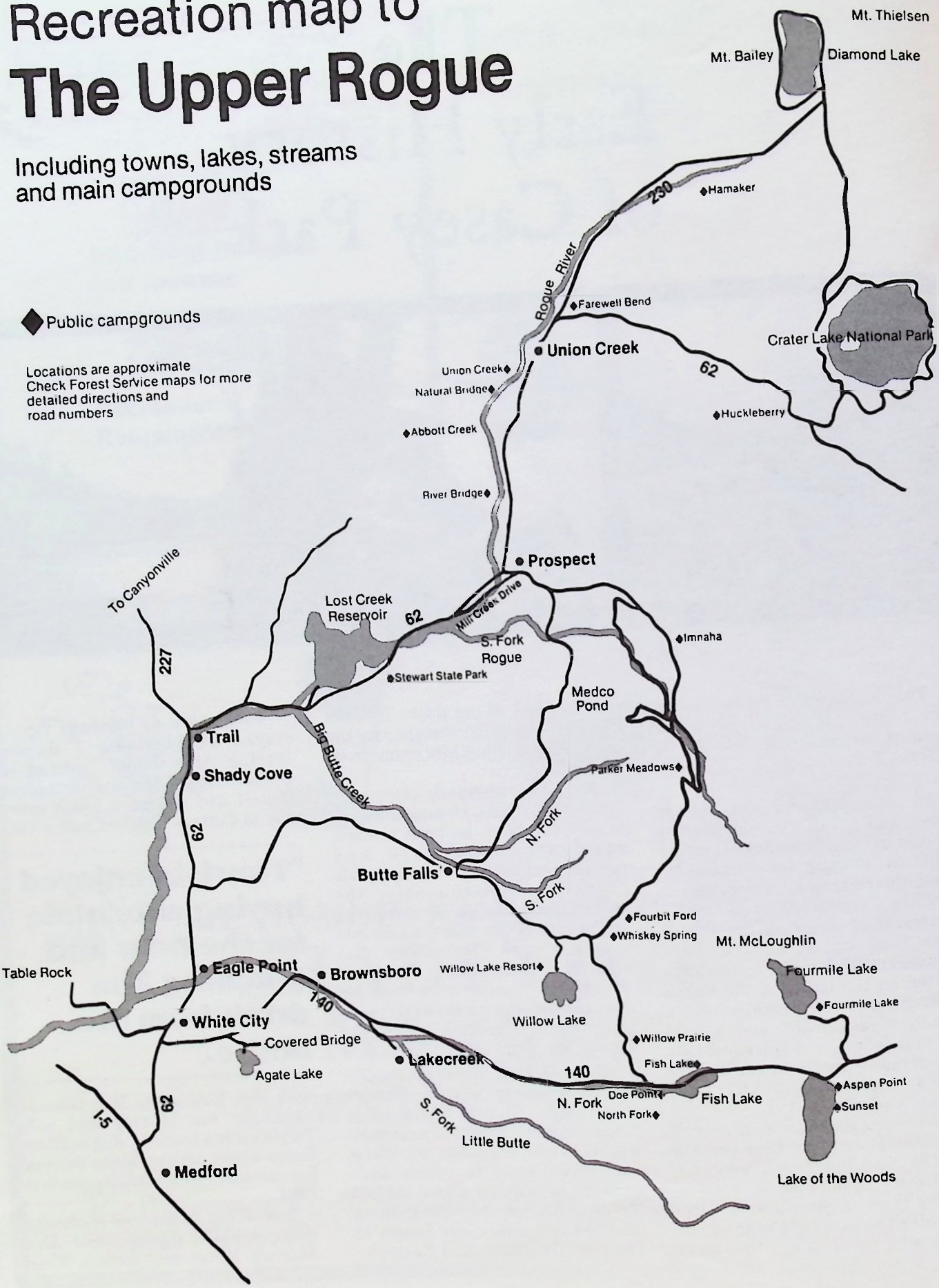

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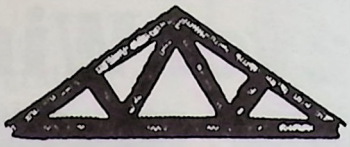

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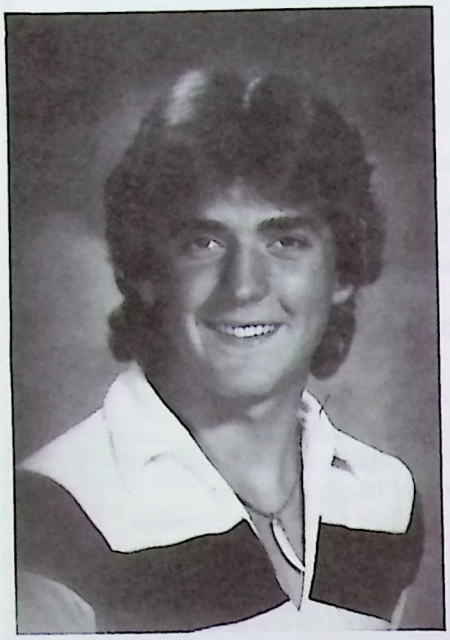

Randy Littlefield

Mary Cordeiro

Michelle Plume

Randy Littlefield
Top Junior Achiever 1983

Randy, son of Bill and Carole Littlefield of Shady Cove, was chosen as the 1983 winner at the Kick-Off Dinner held August 5, 1983. Randy is probably best known for his ability as a banjo player. He began playing 5-string banjo at the age of 5 and has been entertaining with it since the age of 8.

For the past three years he has organized, hosted and performed in an annual spina bifida benefit concert. These concerts have raised over $5,000 for local children who suffer from this crippling birth defect.

Randy will be a senior at Eagle Point High School this coming year. He has maintained honor roll grades throughout his school years and is a member of National Honor Society. Last year he was chosen to represent his school at the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar where he was selected as one of the five outstanding sophomore boys in the State of Oregon, based on leadership, scholarship, and community service. As one of the top ten students in his junior class, Randy was a member of the Gold Gown Honor Court for graduation ceremonies. He was one of the boys representing his school at Beavers Boy State at the University of Oregon in June. He is active in the Eagle Point Speech Squad and has earned many trophies in competitive speaking, including a 4th place in the state finals this year.

Randy has played banjo on stage with several country-western stars and was a state finalist in the Wrangler Country Starsearch contest two years ago. He has been written up in FRETS MAGAZINE and HOMESPUN NEWS, two national music publications.

He entertained at the Upper Rogue Festival for the first time when he was only 8 and has been a supporter of the festival ever since. He has not only entertained almost every year, but has also assisted with the raft races, hauled and set up chairs for the Kick-Off Dinner, helped paint the dance floor, and done clean-up. He has volunteered his time as an entertainer for many worthwhile causes.

Randy plans to continue the spina bifida concerts for as long as possible. He also hopes to make music his career and is torn between continuing as a professional entertainer or attending college immediately after high school. Congratulations, Randy, on being selected as Top Junior Achiever for 1983. We are proud of you.

Mary Cordeiro
Junior Achiever
Runner-up 1983

Mary, daughter of Frank and Lucille Corderio of Trail, graduated from Eagle Point High School in June 1983. She comes from a family of achievers and in keeping with family tradition maintained honor roll grades throughout her school years. She wore a gold chord at graduation, denoting that she was in the top 10% of her class scholastically. As one of the top ten students of her junior class, she was a member of the Gold Gown Honor Court which escorts the seniors during graduation ceremonies. Mary was also a member of National Honor Society during her high school years.

She was active in sports, playing on both the girls' volleyball and basketball teams. During her senior year she was elected Homecoming Queen. She was also honored as Lions Club Student of the Month for her accomplishments.

Mary is an accomplished Polynesian dancer and is a member of the HawaiianHui of Oregon. She has participated with this group in demonstrating Hawaiian culture to students in the Head-Start Program around Southern Oregon. Mary has found time for other

community service as well.

Mary is attending Lane Community College in Eugene where she continues to excel even though she works part time for Fred Meyer Stores. Congratulations, Mary, and keep up the good work.

Michelle Plume
Junior Achiever
Runner-up 1983

Michelle is the daughter of Ed and Dee Plume of Trail, and will be a senior at Eagle Point High School this coming year. If one word could be used to describe Michelle, that word would be "active". Michelle not only has maintained honor roll grades throughout her school years, but she has also been active in student government. She was Student Body President in junior high at Shady Cove and was selected as one of the outstanding students from that school upon completion of the 8th grade.

She continued her winning ways in high school. She was elected president of her sophomore class, was initiated into National Honor Society, and is a member of Student Council. She was Student Body Treasurer last year, and was elected to fill that position again this coming year. She is also a member of Leadership Class.

Michelle is active in sports, playing on both the girls' volleyball and basketball teams. She was a finalist in the Miss Teen of Oregon Pageant last year. In spite of her busy schedule, Michelle still finds time for community service. She has helped on the canned food drive, the Red Cross Blood Drive, Community Work Day, and Senior Citizen Day.

Michelle works in her parents' market. She plans to attend college after graduation. Congratulations, Michelle, we know you will realize your goals.

Kim Steadman

Mirian Soto

Cary Lowe

1984 Junior Achiever Finalists

Kim Steadman

Kim graduated from Eagle Point High School in June in the top 10% of her class. She was Vice President of Honor Society, Vice President of her class and on the Math Team. She was very active in the Eagle Point High School Jazz Band and was written up in the *Who's Who in Music*. She was also active in 4H for several years, winning many ribbons. Kim was honored as Student of the Month by the Lions Club. She will be attending Oregon State University in the fall.

Mirian Soto

Mirian also graduated from Eagle Point High School in June. She excelled in competitive public speaking, winning many trophies. She also won 1st place in the Voice of Democracy contest. She was third place winner in the State of Oregon in the Miss National Teen-Ager Pageant. She placed second in the state in the essay contest in conjunction with that pageant. She was honored as Student of the Month by the Kiwanis Club. Mirian will be attending the University of Oregon in the fall.

Cary Lowe

Cary also graduated from Eagle Point High School in June in the top 10% of his class. He was a member of National Honor Society, competed on the Math Team, was a member of the Brain Bowl, and won several awards in competitive speaking. He participated in the Model United Nations and won several awards in computer science. He took second place in the Elk's Scholarship Fund and was honored as Student of the Month by the Lions Club. Cary will be attending the University of Oregon this fall.

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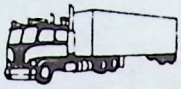

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Power Saw Bucking Unlimited
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2nd: Richard Andrest

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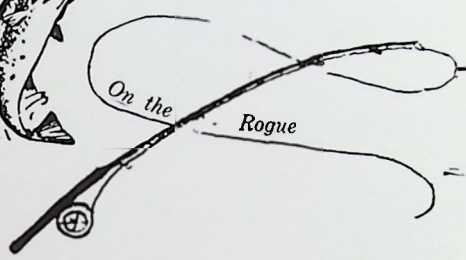

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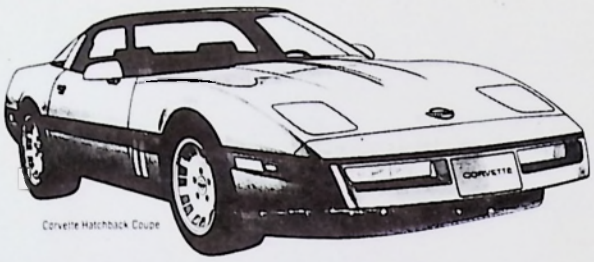

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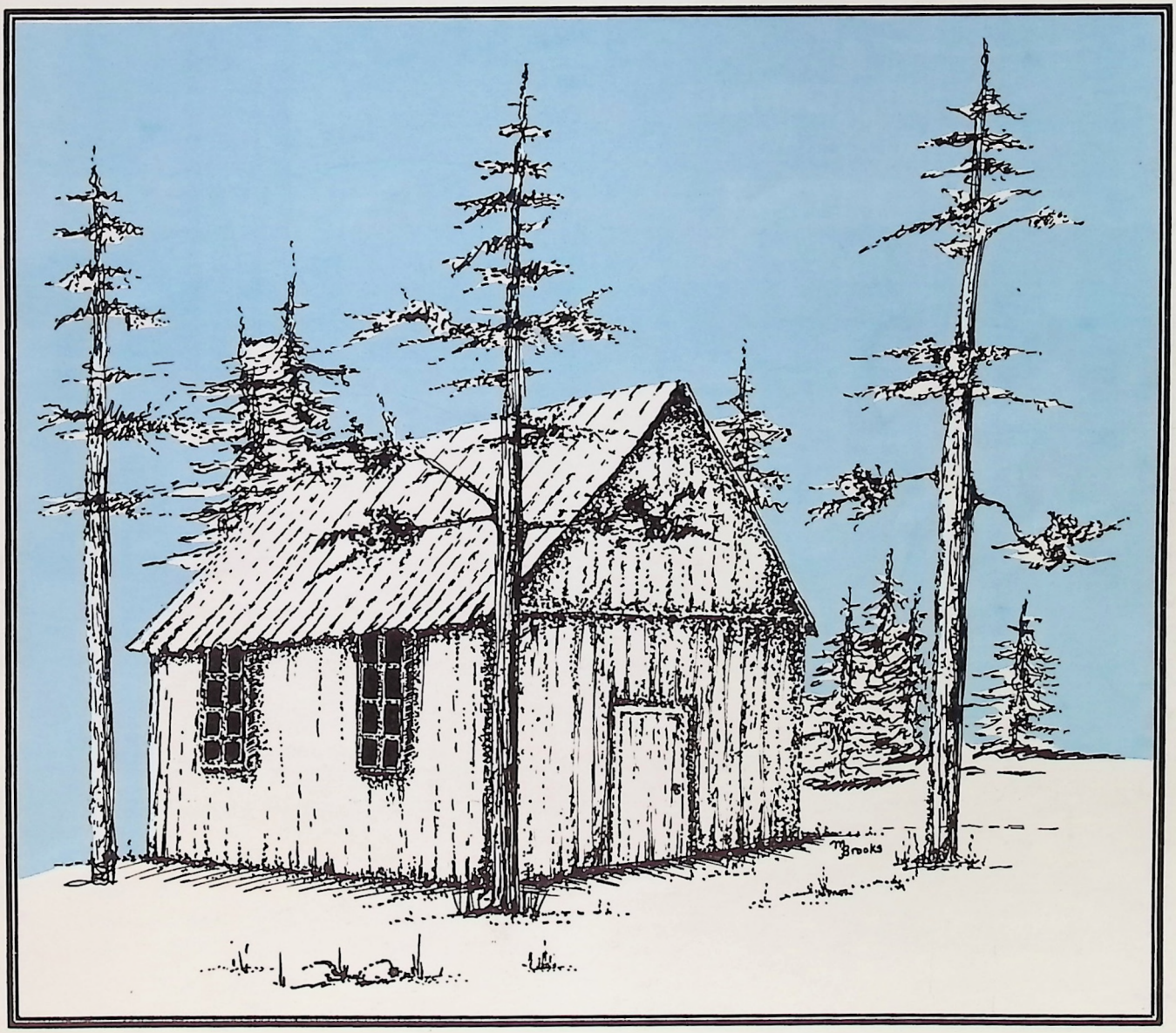

The First Rural Schools of the Upper Rogue

Message from the Editor:

The editorial staff this year decided to name this publication the festival magazine. In the past its been called a book, a brochure, and a guidebook. None of these seemed to describe what it has evolved into — a magazine.

But some things haven't changed; its purpose is still to acquaint newcomers and re-acquaint old timers with the Rogue Wonderland Association, the Upper Rogue Festival, the people and places of interest, as well as give our local merchants an opportunity to introduce themselves to you, the reader.

This is also the time to say "Thank you" to some very nice people, some you may know, the rest you should get to know — they're super!

To the following people, who allowed themselves to be interviewed either in person or by phone, bringing life to our articles: "Ola" Houston, Bill Shepherd, Mabel Wehde, Tressie and Roy Vaughn, Ralph Train, Audrey Esten, Arlene Oden, Clifton Conover and Bill Cottrell.

To Richard Engeman, of the Jacksonville Museum; Kezia Koellner, of Shady Cove School; and Larry Stillman, of the Jackson Education Service District, for their assistance in researching the articles.

And a very special "Thank you!" to the following:

— Harriet Hudspeth; for her assistance in setting up and conducting the best interviews with the best people. Her knowledge and unflagging interest in the Upper Rogue's people and places merits her the title of Historian.

— Martha Brooks; for her artistic talents. She did the cover drawing. Martha, a resident since 1958, was crowned Miss Rogue Wonderland 1975. A recent graduate of Oregon State University, Martha's back home at the Obstinate J Ranch; hopefully, for good!

— Carole Littlefield; for being our "wide receiver". She had some projects "thrown" at her at the last minute and proved, once again, that son Randy isn't the only super-talented member of the family. (Ask to see her paintings, too!)

— Carl and Cindy Darnell; for being patient with this bunch of novices. Their expertise and integrity have made this festival magazine a quality production.

— All the generous merchants whose support made this magazine possible.

— And last, but not least, Nancy Fox; for her guidance, obdurateness (thanks, Jack!), and talent for getting people to get things done. And bringing out the best in themselves in the bargain. If you want to get something done and done right — call Nancy.

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6 p.m.-8 p.m.	DEEP PIT BARBECUE — V.F.W. Hall corner of Hwy. 62 & Alder
8 p.m.	JUNIOR ACHIEVER AWARDS PRESENTATION — V.F.W. Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

7 a.m.-11 a.m.	GRANGE BREAKFAST, Shady Cove Grange Hall, Chaparral Lane
7 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	PARADE REGISTRATION, V.F.W. Hall
7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	PARADE JUDGING
8 a.m.	HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
9 a.m. SHARP	PARADE STARTS. Parade route is north on Highway 62 from Alder to Cleveland Street
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	ARTS & CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW, Shady Cove School, Multipurpose Room
9 a.m.	RAFT RACES REGISTRATION, Casey State Park
10 a.m.	BOOTHS OPEN
12 noon-8 p.m.	SPAGHETTI FEED, St. Martin's Basement Annex, Cleveland Street
10 a.m.-12 a.m.	TIMBER CARNIVAL REGISTRATION
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	BINGO, Shady Cove School Gym
11 a.m.	PARADE AWARDS, Outdoor Stage on Festival Grounds
11 a.m.	RAFT RACES BEGIN, Casey Park to County Park, Shady Cove. Starts will be staggered for each division
11 a.m.-2 p.m.	CHILDREN'S GAMES
12 noon	TIMBER CARNIVAL STARTS
12 noon on	ENTERTAINMENT: LIVE ON OUTDOOR STAGE, continuing through afternoon. Scheduled first at 12:00 — OLD TIME FIDDLERS
2:30 p.m.	RAFT RACE AWARDS, Outdoor Stage
6:00 p.m.	TIMBER CARNIVAL AWARDS, Timber Carnival Stage
8 p.m.-midnight	DANCE, Outdoor Stage

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

CLEAN-UP BY VOLUNTEERS WHO KNOW THAT THIS HAS TO BE DONE IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANOTHER FUN CARNIVAL IN SHADY COVE NEXT YEAR!

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Through the tireless efforts of its members the Upper Rogue Festival, the Junior Achiever Contest and this magazine are made possible. The purchase of this publication, the entrance fee at the Timber Carnival, and your patronage of Festival concessions help raise funds that the Association returns to the youth and other worthy causes in our area.

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Please share with us this weekend the love and pride we have in the beautiful Rogue Wonderland.

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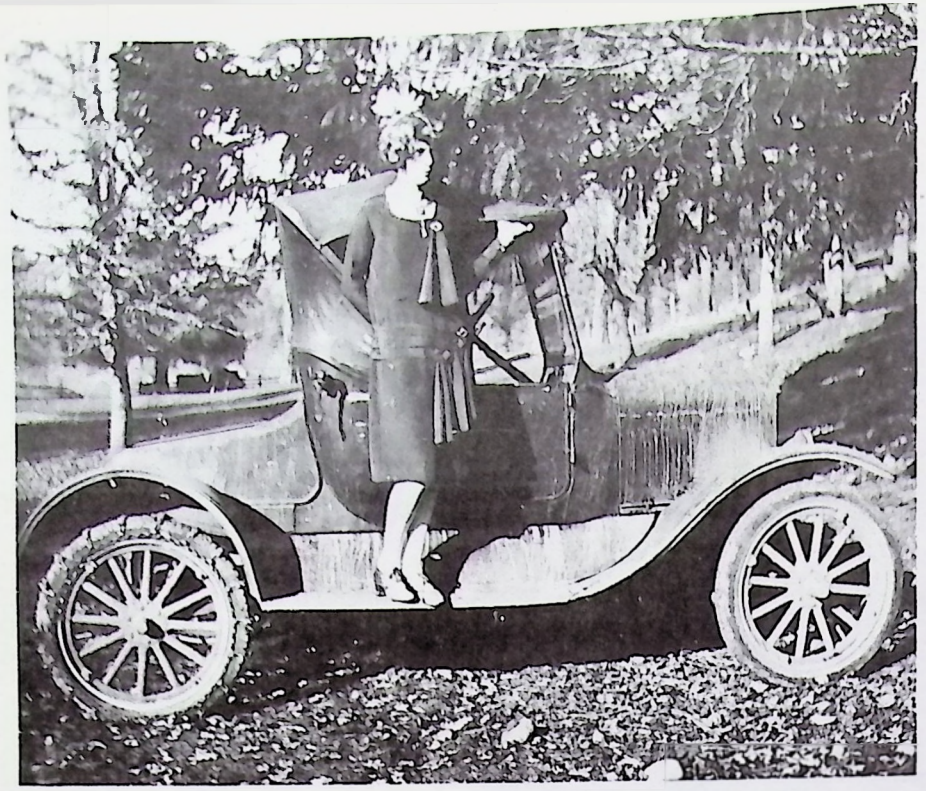

Teacher Wells and her new model T Ford. Note the chains needed on the tires for muddy roads.

Photo courtesy of Ann Briggs

she worked as a chamber maid and waitress in a hotel while enjoying lots of bird watching and fishing. About this time the University of Oregon called offering her a grant to attend there for one year. On June 14, 1964, Ann graduated from the University of Oregon with a Masters in Education.

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One of Ann's favorite activities is photographing local flora and fauna. Her excellent slides of wild flowers are one of the featured attractions at the annual Wild Flower Show in Shady Cove.

Our community is very fortunate to have dedicated people like Ann Briggs. Hopefully we will be seeing Ann cruising around her yard on her riding lawn mower and out replenishing the feeders in her wildlife sanctuary for many years to come.

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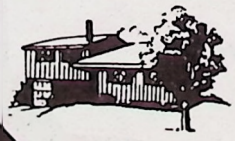

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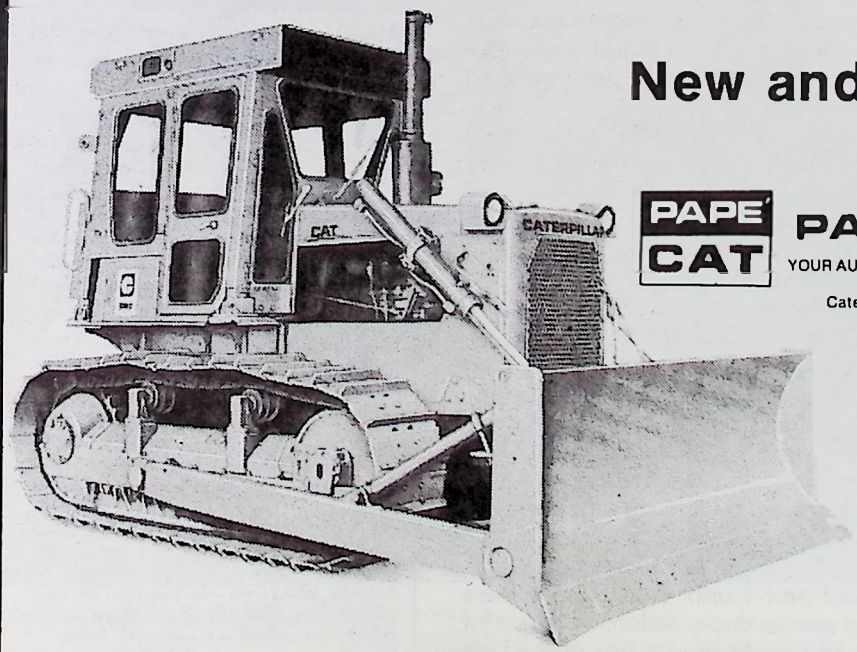

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Come take a step back through time when the three R's were taught in a one-room school house . . .

by Debra M. Pardee

In the Beginning

The first settlers of the Rogue Valley arrived around 1850. Slowly, but surely, pioneers trickled in from the fertile Willamette Valley, the panned out California gold fields and the arid Oregon desert. For many years these young families struggled to "prove up" their 160 acre homesteads. They cleared fields and cut timber for log cabins, barns and split rail fences. They toiled from season to season watching their crops and cattle grow.

But that wasn't the only thing growing. As families became larger parent's thoughts soon turned to educating their young. In the early days it was considered the responsibility of every man to educate his children; consequently, private schools far outnumbered the almost nonexistent public school.

The Oregon Territory's legislature passed its first school law on September 5, 1849. It stated that the principal of all funds accruing "whether by donation or bequest, or from the sale of any land . . . given by the congress of the United States to this territory for school purposes, or accruing from licenses, fines, forfeitures or penalties appropriated by law to the common schools . . . shall constitute an irreducible fund, the proceeds or interest . . . shall be annually divided among the school districts in the territory . . . for the support of the common schools . . . and for no other use or purpose whatever."

Rural school districts sprang up wherever school age children could be found and a school board thrown together. Only six children were required to form a district.

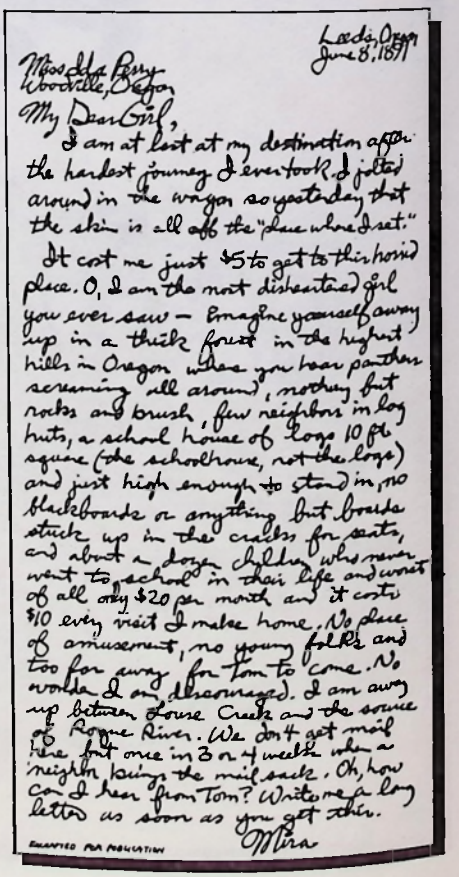
Some districts met this requirement easily, the Laurelhurst School District boasted of 21 students comprised of only two families, the Peytons with 10 children and another with 11.

But other districts, like Long Branch, shifted school boundaries almost annually trying to maintain the required six students as families came and went, and children grew up and left school.

Caroline Drexler, of Shady Cove's Aunt Caroline's Park, recalled how Laurel Hill District even accepted a very young married woman in school to keep the district intact.

Some districts, such as Persist School and North Trail School, were given special dispensation to operate for their few students because of the long distances to the nearest school.

The First Schools



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Mira

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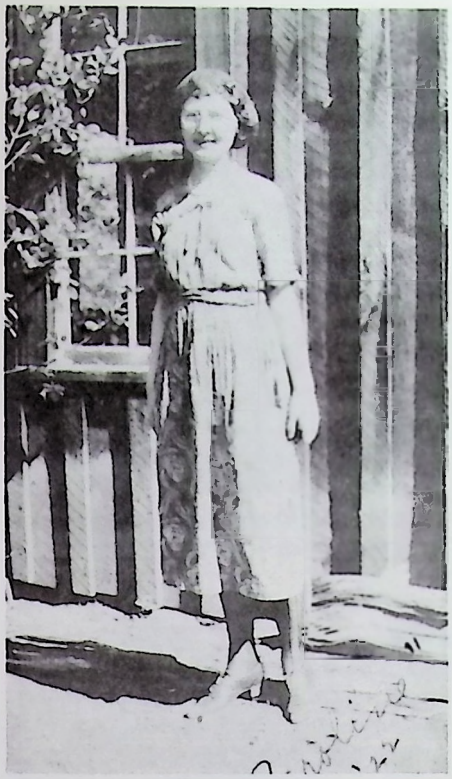
The state exam wasn't exactly easy. During the Oregon State Centennial in 1959, a van toured the countryside with historical displays which included a copy of the state's 1912 Eighth Grade Teaching Exam. Ralph Train, a retired educator, doubted if five out of ten teachers could pass that exam today.

The log school houses were later replaced with rough cut bat and board buildings and a few even sported a cupola and bell. Such amenities as a blackboard and outhouse supplied with a catalog were added. Some prosperous school districts had "two holers" with a "girls path" coming from one direction and a "boys path" coming from another. Mabel Wehde, who attended Trail School said, "And, boy, nobody went up the wrong trail. That was a no-no!"



Hazel Green teacher at Long Branch School 1922.

Photo courtesy of "Ola" Houston

A big pot-bellied stove stood in the middle of the room, providing warmth and comfort on cold winter days. One of the duties of the school board was to make sure the school had plenty of dry kindling.

Water was drawn from a nearby spring and carried to the schoolhouse in a bucket. A dipper was added and shared by all. Small wonder that flu outbreaks soon became epidemics. Few schools had water wells since schoolhouses moved frequently and spring water was usually plentiful. The luxury of hand pumped water wasn't supplied until the early 1930's when districts stabilized.

School Days

The first schools conducted classes for only three months a year during the summer. Poor roads, little or no transportation forced school closure during Oregon's wet seasons when the Carney Clay (unaffectionatly known as the "Big Sticky") prevented travel. Later on, after roads improved, classes were extended to six months and eventually nine months. Transportation didn't keep pace with the extended terms, though.

Audrey Eston remembered walking to Hatchery School, "We all wore leather shoes and when you walked three miles in the mud and snow and ice your feet got really cold and wet. In the mornings Mrs. Stewart let us all sit around the stove until we got dried out and warmed up. And chillblains . . . we had 'em something terrible!"

And Bill Cottrell remembered when he ". . . slogged two and a half miles through that muck . . . even on the worst days" to Debenger Gap School. Bill went on to become a founder of the Shakespearean Festival in Ashland and director of the 1940 season.

But Viola "Ola" Houston said the four Tucker boys and one Tucker girl had the luxury of riding to Hatchery School in a "hack and team". After school they would hitch the horses and ride the three miles home. That home is known today as the Obstinate J Ranch and one of the Tucker boys went on to establish Tucker Sno Cat.

A typical school day began with the teacher standing on the doorstep ringing a hand bell at 9:00 a.m., calling in children who had walked to school through thick forests, grassy meadows and thickets of chaparral. Lucky ones rode horses to school and neighboring children vied for the privilege of sharing this ride. A few schools even provided a lean-to for these organic school buses.

Children filed in and seated themselves with little ones in front and older ones in back. A "good morning" song was sometimes sang and then class would begin.

Maude (Harr) Ditsworth, who taught

Elk Creek School House 1912.

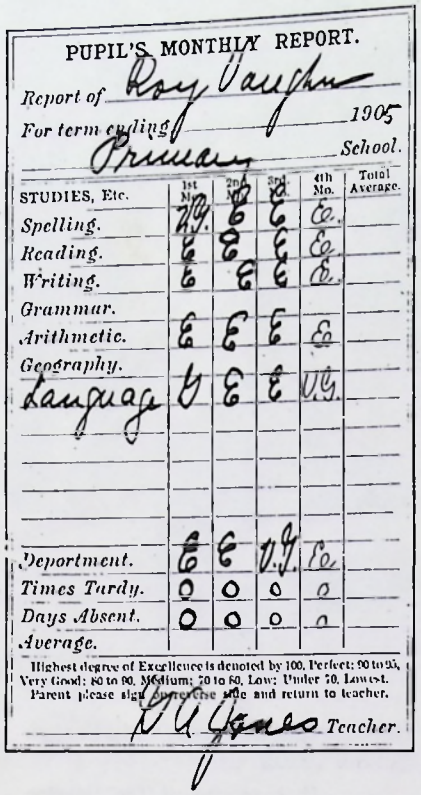
Photo courtesy of Southern Oregon Historical Society.

at many schools in the valley (including Laurelhurst School), recalled in the book "Jackson County Conversations" by Kay Atwood, "The little ones were in front. I always dismissed the little ones to go out and play a little bit before recess time because it was a long time for the little ones. I would be free from watching them to give my time to the rest."

She remembered teaching all eight grades was harder, "I'll tell you, I wonder just how I did it. You'd have to hustle to get in all those classes, so often there was just one in a class. I kind of fixed up a program, and kind of combined the grades."

The curriculum usually consisted of just the basics in education, reading, writing, and arithmetic: the three R's. Of course, spelling and grammer were taught and later grades learned geography and history. Rarely was science or music taught; although, some songs and short plays were learned.

Most teachers passed slow learners along hoping they would pick up what they missed while the younger students were being taught. In the same way the brighter younger students would often pick up what was being taught to the older students. Students would often learn as much as three grades in a single year. Some schools are going back to a similar system today.



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Reading.	E	E	E	E.	
Writing.	E	E	E	E.	
Grammar.					
Arithmetic.	E	E	E	E.	
Geography.					
Language	V	E	E	V.G.	
Deportment.	E	E	V.G.	E.	
Times Tardy.	0	0	0	0	
Days Absent.	0	0	0	0	
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Roy Vaughn's first report card.

Favorite Times

Recess was usually only about 15 minutes long and the only playground equipment were limber dogwood trees, which provided some swinging and gymnastics, and the forests, for a quick game of "Woods Tag", "Steal Sticks" and "Hide and Seek".

Fred Middlebusher, who attended Trail School, remembered making baseballs out of rubber balls wrapped with yarn and covered with boot leather. He also said he and his young friends couldn't resist a little fishing and a quick skinny dip in Trail Creek on the way home from school.

Lunch lasted about a hour on nice days and only a half hour on inclement days. Children brought their lunch of cold biscuits or cold pancakes with gravy or syrup, and some home canned fruit packed in a lard, peanut butter or syrup tin bucket. Cold fried egg and sourdough biscuit sandwiches were a treat to find in a lunch bucket.

These lunches wouldn't meet today's high standards of nutrition, but "Ola" Houston said she and her classmates at Hatchery School had, "Lots to eat but it was very plain. We were happy to have it."

The first hot lunch program probably

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began at Trail School. Mabel Wehde remembered that the teacher, Mrs. Eula Baker Inch, asked everyone to bring what they could to make hot chocolate and potato soup, alternating each item every other day. Mabel said, "That was the only two things we had." Later, some of the older kids had their own "soup camp" outside. They would build a fire and make soup in a tin can for lunch.

Mabel also recalled "We always had a story read to us. Boy, we'd go in there and settle down and the teacher would read a chapter. I remember 'Heidi' was one of the books I loved."

Eula Houston Middlebusher, who attended Central School and later taught at Laurel Hill, Trail and Central Schools, remembered reading "Black Beauty" to her pupils.

At the Trail School track meet of 1927, the fellow seated second from the left seems to have won all the nbbons.

Photos courtesy of Mabel Wehde (standing far right)

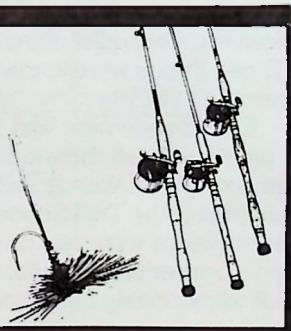
Trail School 1928. Mabel Ragsdale Wehde is standing to the right of teacher Harriet Pardee.

At 4:00 p.m. the teacher would dismiss class and students would once again make the long journey home. Some of the luckier children had the teacher to escort them to and from school because most teachers boarded with families — at $10.00 per month from their scanty salary.

Special Events

There were usually two special school programs each year, a Christmas program and a commencement picnic. Several people interviewed had very special memories of their Christmas programs.

They remembered there was always a Christmas tree decorated with madrone berries, paper chains, and popcorn. A small stage was buiit at the end of the schoolhouse where students would perform plays, songs and recitations. Mable Wehde said, "All the parents always came to the programs." Much like our winter and spring pro-



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grams performed in school today.

In fact, the school Christmas program soon involved the whole community. Few families had their own Christmas tree and instead gathered around a community tree. Mabel remembered a Trail School Christmas program that was held down the street in the Ash Hotel's dance hall. The community Christmas tree was even decorated with lit tiny wax candles. No fire marshals in those days! She said, "I remember this girl played Santa Claus and her whiskers a-caught on fire. She jerked her whiskers off and the mystery was all solved. It was the Meechum girl." Fortunately, there wasn't any harm done.

Each child received a simple present of oranges, rock candy and nuts. Since money was scarce and the twice yearly purchase of provisions required a long arduous trip to town, such delicious treats were much appreciated by country-bound children.

Ralph Train and Audrey Esten remembered Hatchery School's Christmas programs being held in the Stewart's barn (previously owned by the Tuckers). They had the biggest barn in the area and it stood in the same place the Obstinate J. Ranch barn stands today. The teacher, Mrs. Stewart, must have been especially fond of her students because Audrey remembered receiving a beautiful china doll one year. "Those things were kinda scarce then", she said.

Commencement was a time to have a picnic with all the students and their families. Mabel Wehde said a track meet was held at the Trail School commencement. Races were run on the play yard and homemade uniforms reflected individual sewing talent and style. Some graduating eighth graders used the opportunity to dress up in their finest clothes, and wear tediously twisted ringlets to have a formal portrait picture taken.

Elk Creek Sunday School picnic. Reverend Davis walked from place to place announcing services to be held in each little town.
Photo courtesy of Southern Oregon Historical Society

A school picture was also taken, permanently capturing the era. The teacher stands with hair piled high and wearing the trade uniform of a long dark skirt padded with a stylishly small bustle and a shirtwaist adorned with a gold watch pin. The boys look slightly untamed in coveralls, and shoeless, with spit combed hair. The girls look uncomfortable in new homesewn dresses, bows and pinching buttoned up boots, and probably wishing they could be free to play and chase the boys.

Attendance at school wasn't limited to Monday thru Friday. Sunday school, conducted by neighboring ladies, and church services, performed by a traveling minister, fulfilled spiritual as well as educational needs.

The isolated rural life begged for some kind of social festivity. Horses were hitched to wagons and neighbors gathered at the schoolhouse, the only building large enough to accommodate more than six or eight people, for a dance. Because traveling at night was dangerous, these evenings of revelry lasted till dawn. There weren't any radios or stereos, so these rural merrymakers had to make their own music. A mouth harp could always be found in a pocket or two, and some prosperous schoolhouses had a piano that the teacher played, while a neighbor called the dances. Basket suppers, prepared at home, and lots of coffee helped sustain the dancing couples. And sleepy children, bundled in coats and blankets, were put down for the night in the cloak room. The pre-dawn ride home was probably long and quiet as weary but happy families relished the memories and latest gossip.

Elk Creek 1912. Teacher Mae Howell with students Verda Lynch, Gordon Miller, Jack Lynch, Weston Miller, Ralph Pence and Herman Pence.
Photo courtesy of Southern Oregon Historical Society.

High School, High School . . . Anywhere a High School

Up until 1958 very few schools offered any high school in the Upper Rogue's school districts. Laurelhurst and Trail did; and then, only for a few years. If Audrey Esten hadn't become ill in the last few weeks of her senior year she would have been the very last graduate of Laurelhurst High.

In the early years most students didn't go on to high school unless they planned to take up teaching careers. Many students tried to continue their education at high schools in other districts, such as Prospect, Butte Falls, Eagle Point, Medford and Ashland.

Mabel Wehde and "Ola" Houston commuted on Mondays and Fridays to and from Butte Falls, and boarded with the Brainard family there. But Mabel's mother became ill and she had to quit school to care for her. She remembered

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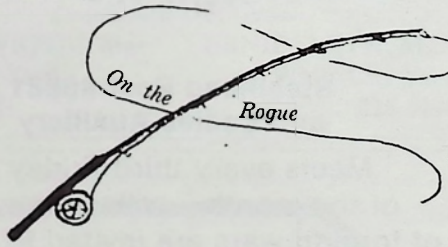

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how Clifton Conover and his brother made the long trip every day, preferring to stay home instead of boarding.

Audrey Esten spent several summers in Ashland attending summer school at the old junior high where the Safeway store on Siskiyou Boulevard stands today. She lived in a single room at a boarding house for women near the heart of town. Her most vivid memory of that room was the Murphy bed it came with.

School districts without high schools would pay students $500.00 to cover tuition and books. Some students took on part-time jobs to help their parents defray the boarding expenses.

Ralph Train remembered going to other school districts and asking how much they charged for tuition, "I'd take the best deal I could find and a place where I could get work to make a little money on the side." He spent his first year in Rogue River and the next two at Butte Falls. He graduated from Prospect High School in 1934.

Ralph was one of the exceptional few who continued his education beyond high school. He said, "If I'd known how many years of schoolin' I was to put in in my lifetime, I'd have turned right around and gone back home." Excluding seven years of college, Ralph spent 34 addi-

Shady Cove School 1924. Mrs. Frances Miller's Class.

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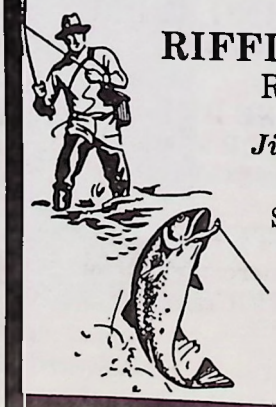

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tional years in education as a teacher, principal and superintendent. He has been retired for seven years and soon plans to make his home here in Shady Cove on land his grandfather, Albert Hall, homesteaded. His sisters, Audrey Esten and Arlene Oden, already live here.

Consolidation

The first school district was formed in 1879 and by 1920 there were 11 different districts dotting the upper Rogue from the Gorge, below Prospect, down to Dodge Bridge on the Rogue River.

By the late 1920's and early 1930's a sagging economy and reduced enrollment forced the consolidation of school districts. But it didn't happen overnight. Some districts voted on consolidating every year for several years. Pride, preference, independence and a required passing vote in each district delayed many instances.

Long Branch School was the first district to annex to Central School (later renamed Shady Cove) closely followed by Laurel Hill. Debenger Gap students commuted between Shady Cove and Long Mountain until 1944 when they formally consolidated with Shady Cove.

Persist, Hatchery and Laurelhurst consolidated with Elk Creek in the years between 1930-1936. North Trail joined Trail Creek in 1949 and this new district then joined with the larger Elk Creek District in 1949 to form the Elk-Trail School District.

And then, in 1958 the state passed a new school law: all districts must provide a full 12 grades of education. None of the districts at that time provided secondary education. Students were being bused to Prospect, Eagle Point and Medford.

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Bill Shepherd, who was principal at Shady Cove at the time, explained it this way: the Shady Cove School District was poor in terms of public timber land receipts but rich in numbers of students. The cost of providing a high school through property taxation was considered too burdensome for the community. On the other hand, the Elk-Trail School District was rich in public timber land receipts but poor in numbers of students. The only answer seemed to be in consolidating with Eagle Point, who already had a high school. The vote was controversial and a remnant of that controversy still exists today.

Our schools today are part of the Eagle Point District #9. Elk-Trail teaches grades kindergarten through fourth with a teaching staff of 9 and a student enrollment of over 195. Shady Cove School teaches grades fifth through eighth with a teaching staff of 8 and a student enrollment of over 165. A music instructor teaches at both schools half time and Phil Powell holds the principalship at both schools. Grades 9 through 12 attend the new Eagle Point High School.

Some early day students and teachers felt that education then wasn't as consistent as today's but somehow it was "better". Our school system today is a blend of old and new. We can never go back to the "good ole' days". We can only hope to learn from yesterday and today to do better tomorrow.

Accuracy has been adhered to as much as possible but some inaccuracy may be noted. The writer begs forgiveness and corrections should be mailed to the Shady Cove Public Library Historical File, P.O. Box 706, Shady Cove, OR 97539.

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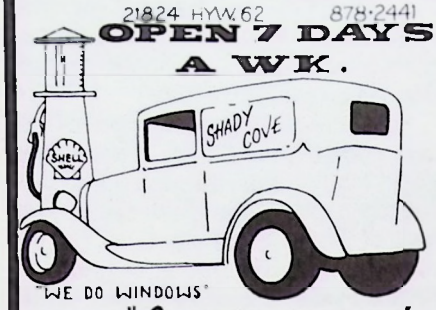

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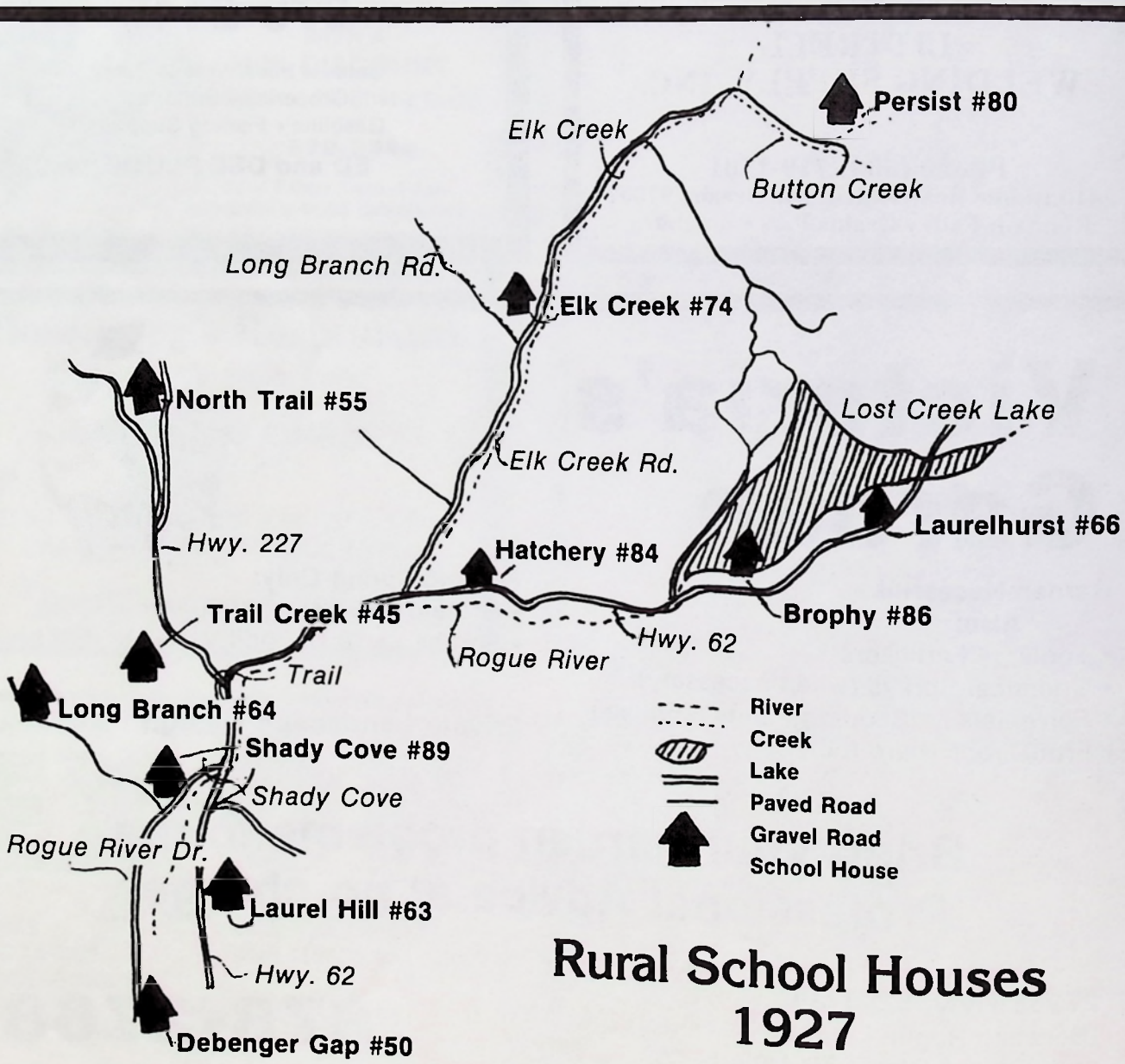

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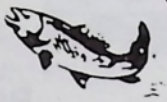

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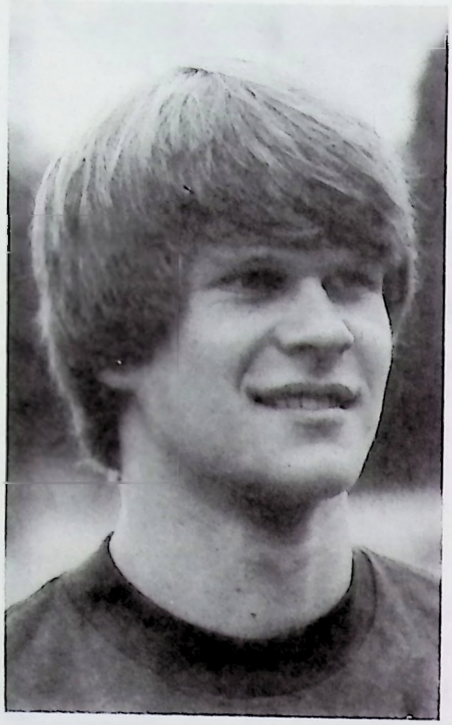

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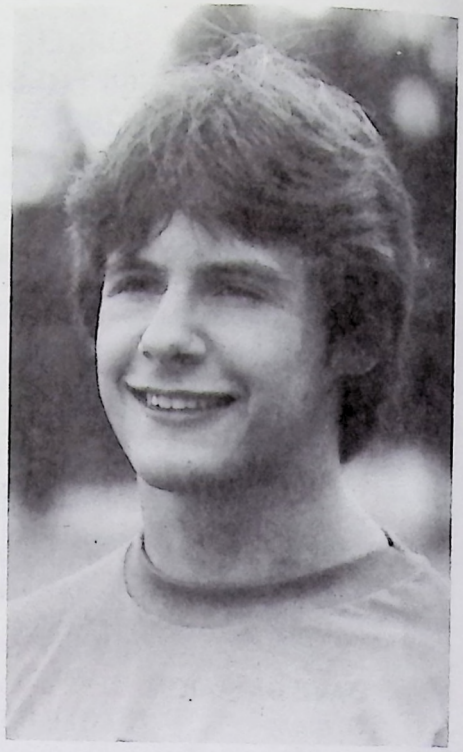

JOHN COMBS

Jason Jantzer
Top Junior Achiever

Jason was chosen as the 1982 winner at the Kick-Off dinner held June 19, 1982. He is a fine example of Upper Rogue's youth. Jason has been a supporter of the Upper Rogue Festival for several years. He helps where he is needed, whether it be at the parade, Kick-Off Dinner, Timber Carnival, booths or clean up.

Jason is also actively involved in the annual float trip for the handicapped children, and played basketball on the Trail Hookers Basketball team as a fund raiser to help pay for the cost of hamburgers for the trip. Each year after salmon season closes, Jason can be found along with other river guides helping to clean up the debris left behind.

He has applied himself well in the area of academics while excelling in school sports. His most outstanding sporting events are cross country and track where he has lettered in each. He also walked away with the Southern Oregon High School Power Lifting Championship for 1983. He is a member of the Trail Christian Fellowship and helps with church activities along with teaching and sitting with the young children. Along with this long list of achievements Jason was named Kiwanis Student of the Month.

He will be working this summer and returns to school in the fall at Rogue Community College. We know he will continue to make tremendous strides as he follows the personal goals he has set for himself. Congratulations Jason!

Jenny Soto
Runner-up

Jenny would most aptly be described as a leader. She is a person who makes individual achievements seem easy and then helps others where she can. Jenny was on the honor roll throughout high school while spending much time in extra curricular activities.

She has been named the outstanding Spanish student, lettered in volleyball, participated in track for four years, sang in the school choir for three years and was president of her senior class. Along with this she was named Lion's Club Student of the Month and is in this years Who's who Among American High School Students.

Jenny is very busy within her church. She attends Our Lady of Fatima and has volunteered many hours of her time both within and outside the church. She attended Southern Oregon State College this past year and hopes to attend Princeton University. Jenny, with your high ideals and personal dedication, we know you will make Princeton. Congratulations!

John Combs
Runner-up

John has many scholastic achievements to his credit. Throughout his high school years, he received many awards in a variety of areas including science, social science, social studies, track, wrestling, and electronics as well as being named outstanding student. He is also a Lion's Club award winner and represented School District 9 at Boy's State.

John is also involved in many community volunteer activities. The younger school children were helped by his coaching in wrestling. He helped construct the horseshoe pits for the Rogue Wonderland Association, and is a volunteer for the Upper Rogue Festival each year. John is also a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and has served as alter boy and Mass Lecturer.

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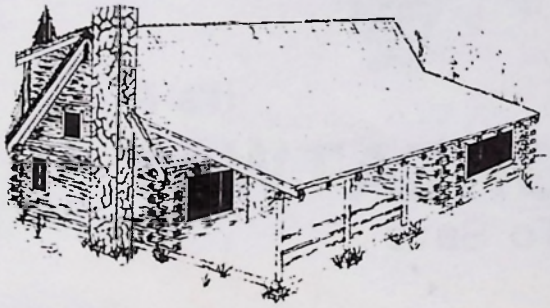

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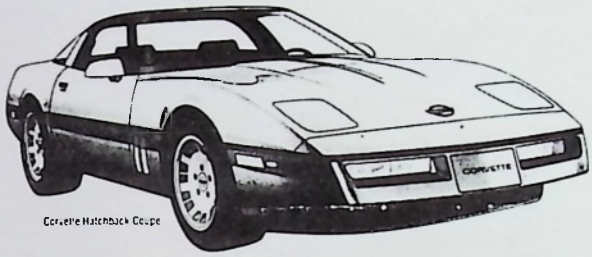

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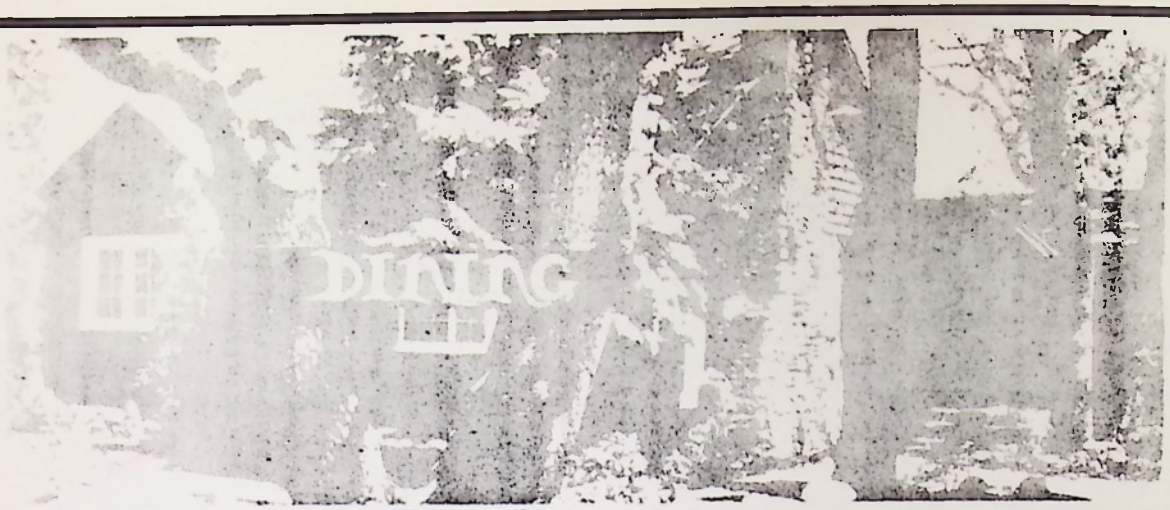

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